

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, from line 14 through line 17, with the following paragraph:

--Y is independently selected from  $-C(=O)-R-CO_2Z$ ,  $[-C(C=O)-R-COG]$ ,  $-C(=O)-R-COG$ , hydrogen, carboxyalkyl, acetyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for each occurrence, provided that at least 1% of Y groups on said polymer are  $-C(=O)-R-CO_2Z$  or  $[-C(C=O)-R-COG]$ ,  $-C(=O)-R-COG$ ;--

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, from line 7 through line 10, with the following paragraph:

--Y is independently selected from  $-C(=O)-R-CO_2Z$ ,  $[-C(C=O)-R-COG]$ ,  $-C(=O)-R-COG$ , hydrogen, carboxyalkyl, acetyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for each occurrence, provided that at least 1% of Y groups on said polymer are  $-C(=O)-R-CO_2Z$  or  $[-C(C=O)-R-COG]$ ,  $-C(=O)-R-COG$ ;--